A proposal for Rs. 179.92 crore was received from the Government of Maharashtra in 2007-08 under the scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for OBC students. Keeping in view the budget allocation and proposals received from other States/UTs, submission of utilization certificate of grant released in the previous years and provision made for the committed liability, an amount of Rs. 19.50 crore was released to the State Government of Maharashtra in 2007-08. The total expenditure on the scheme by Government of India was Rs. 125.17 crore in 2007-08.

Violence against Scheduled Castes

4123. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been instances of caste violence against those belonging to Sche-duled Castes in the various parts of the country, during 2008; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the number of complaints submitted, cases registered against the caste violence and atrocities against Scheduled Castes during the last five years, State-wise, year-wise, and category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) The data in regard to instances of caste violence is not separately maintained. However, as per data available, the number of cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, State wise, during the years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, is given in the Statement.

Statement

State/Union Territory wise number of cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 during the years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 *and* 2006.

SI. No.	Name of the State/Union Territory	Number of cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 during the year 2006.				
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1806	2328	2236	3571	4579
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	56	27
3.	Assam	0	1	0	498	526
4.	Bihar	876	1185	1785	1811	2097
5.	Chhattisgarh	920	815	769	950	1027
6.	Goa	2	2	0	3	4
7.	Gujarat	1167	1025	1070	1538	1155
8.	Haryana	63	43	61	288	283
9.	Himachal Pradesh	14	12	22	60	107
10.	Jharkhand	93	168	232	592	620
11.	Karnataka	1232	1293	1232	1913	1918
12.	Kerala	469	335	374	427	439

1 2	3	4	5	6	7
13. MadhyaPradesh	6758	5087	4135	5970	5711
14. Maharashtra	812	870	922	1057	1284
15. Manipur	0	0	0	0	26
16. Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0
17. Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0
18. Nagaland	0	0	0	0	114
19. Orissa	1274	1222	1407	2041	1502
20. Punjab	60	56	66	139	184
21. Rajasthan	5464	5241	5391	4657	4877
22. Sikkim	0	0	0	29	2
23. Tamil Nadu	917	974	891	1207	931
24. Tripura	0	0	1	50	23
25. Uttar Pradesh	5841	1778	2863	4375	4838
26. Uttarakhand	78	120	133	100	69
27. West Bengal	27	22	28	24	20
28. A&N Islands	1	0	1	2	17
29. Chandigarh	0	1	0	0	2
30. D&NHaveli	1	8	0	4	3
31. Daman & Diu	2	1	1	2	1
32. Delhi	17	15	9	21	21
33. Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0
34. Puducherry	0	1	0	2	0
TOTAL:	27,894	22,603	23629	31387	32407

The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 does not extend to the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

Schemes for blind persons

†4124. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the welfare schemes for the welfare of blind persons and making them lead a normal life;

(b) the details of allocations made during the last three years for the said schemes, State-wise; and

(c) whether the amount allocated has been utilized fully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBUL AKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances, grants-in-aid are sanctioned to the Voluntary Organisations and Implementing Agencies for the welfare of persons with disabilities including blind persons. In addition, National Institute for the Visually Handicapped has been established at Dehradun for education, vocational training, training of teachers and personnel, research and development of service modules, production of Braille books, distribution of aids and appliances for the visually handicapped and other persons with disabilities.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.